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SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, did the Government make any income out of this Exhibition and what is the useful purpose for which these stalls were taken and what is the net result by way of beneficial work done by the Department."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I have no doubt that the hon. Member appreciates the need for propogating the activities of the Agricultural Department and the Industries Department. That was the purpose served, Sir, on account of the expenditure incurred for taking these stalls in the Exhibition."

Slums on Government lands alienated to the Director of Harijan Welfare.

* 1060 Q.—SRI D. DASARATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of slums on Government land that were alienated to the Director of Harijan Welfare for improvement and for assignment as house sites to the respective occupiers; and

(b) whether slums on the lands, alienated to the Corporation of Madras, have been alienated to the Director of Harijan Welfare likewise for the above purposes?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—

" (a) An extent of Caw. 42–18–394 square feet of land in the city and an extent of 14·27 acres in the extended areas of the City were transferred to the Harijan Welfare Department for being assigned as house-sites.

" (b) No."

10 a.m. SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" May I know how many acres constitute one *kani*?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—

" 1-1/3 acres, Sir."

Export of " Pambukkalaver " herb.

* 1061 Q.—SRI P. JEEVANANDAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that a herb by name " Pambukkalaver " is being exported from the Tuticorin Port to Britain, U.S.A., and Germany;

(b) if so, the quantity so exported; and

(c) the medicinal and scientific value of the herb?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) About 53 tons during 1953–54.

" (c) The roots of the herb are used in India in preparation of medicines for reducing blood pressure. The crude drug was tested about 25 years ago in the General Hospital,